



Docket No. 71745 CCD

**IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/735,057 Confirmation No. 2508  
Applicants : Todd F. BISCHOFF et al.  
Filed : December 11, 2003  
Title : METHOD FOR SUPPRESSING REACTION OF MOLTEN  
METALS WITH REFRACTORY MATERIALS  
Art Unit : 1732  
Examiner : Matthew J. Daniels

**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2005 was due on September 3, 2005, but because each of September 3, 4 and 5 were a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday in the District of Columbia, the response can be filed on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, that is, September 6, 2005. Accordingly, this Office Action is being timely filed.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

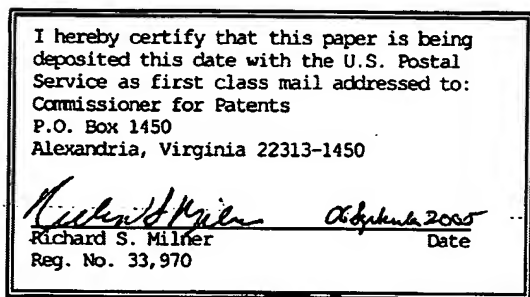
Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration of the invention is requested.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject applicants' undersigned attorneys, invite the Examiner to telephone at the number provided below.

No fees are deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any additional fees are required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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